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To: DDS Stakeholders

From: Commissioner Morna A. Murray, J.D.

Re: Budget Update

On April 27, 2015, the Appropriations Committee voted a substitute **proposed** budget for the next two fiscal years (FY16 & FY17) out of committee on a party line vote. Below are some highlights and a brief comparison between the Appropriations Committee's and Governor Malloy's proposed budget. If something is "maintained" that means the Appropriations Committee took the same action that the Governor proposed.

Please remember that this proposed budget is another step in the budget process. **The budget is not final until passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor.** The next step in the process is that negotiations will likely begin now between legislative leadership and the Governor's office.

The Appropriations Committee's proposed budget for FY16 and FY17:

- Restores a large portion of the Governor's proposed reduction to the Voluntary Services Program (VSP) funding the program at \$29,731,164 in FY16 and \$30,818,643 in FY17. Thirteen of fifteen associated case management positions are restored. The Personal Services account is reduced by \$120,000 to reflect two case management positions.
- Restores 90% of the proposed reduction for day programs for new high school graduates. Provides funding of \$5,580,900 in FY16 and \$12,846,600 in FY17.
- Restores 80% of the proposed reduction for Community Placements for individuals who choose to leave Southbury Training School, long-term care or nursing home placements. Provides funding of \$2,410,000 in FY16 and \$9,648,266 in FY17.
- Transfers \$15.5 million to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) related to the consolidation of Workers' Compensations Claims processing to DAS. This amount includes funding associated with the transfer of five DDS positions.
- Reduces Personal Services by \$5 million in each fiscal year to reflect overtime savings initiatives.
- Restores \$1 million for the Early Childhood Autism Waiver to ensure children (age 3 and 4) who are on the waiver but are not Medicaid eligible will still receive autism spectrum disorder services.

- Maintains the transfer of the Birth-to-Three Program to the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) with full funding transferred to the OEC in FY16 and to both OEC and the Department of Social Services (DSS) in FY17.
- Maintains the annualization of the FY15 \$4 million Waiting List initiative funding for individuals with elderly caregivers at \$8 million in both FY16 and FY17.
- Maintains the consolidation of various in-home family support grant accounts and the overall reduction of \$416,150 in the consolidated account.
- Maintains \$10.5 million in general fund rescissions.
- Maintains the \$591,840 reduction to Clinical Services.
- Maintains the elimination of Human Resources Development Training funding of \$188,443.

Again, the budget is not yet final. Additional budget updates will be provided as information becomes available.